



MAAQ

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President

Since the last Bulletin there have been yet more floods and damage caused by Cyclone Yasi in the north of our State. How much more can QLD take?

My thoughts go out to all that have suffered with this second disaster and hope that in time every one can recover and get back on with life as it was before the events of December and January, including the flying of model aircraft.

The Treasurer has noted that the normal influx of new members in January did not happen, but memberships are starting to trickle in now.

For many years now the Calendar of events has been controlled by the R/C Administrator Michael Snabaitis. Michael has carried out this role with the professionalism and enthusiasm he does with all positions he handles both with the MAAQ and the MAAA, but it is now time to hand the baton on due to changing workloads.

With this in mind I discussed the situation with the news letter Editor Doug Moody and I am delighted to inform you that this task will now be under his control.

Doug has also expressed interest in placing these items on the website once he has been given instruction on how to do it, but this will not happen immediately.

This effectively will bring the control of all events under 1 person rather than 3 as has been the practice until now.

Please now send all calendar items to the Airflow Editor.

The issue surrounding the granting of funds to Dalby for the Nationals seems to be of concern to some people and as a consequence the Treasurer will table the figures relating to this issue at the February meeting.

As stated by me in the last Bulletin, the **Dalby club did not receive a single \$ from the MAAQ.**

The MAAQ did initially fund the Nationals cheque account with \$10,000 to assist with preparations before the MAAA grant was received by the Nationals committee in July.

At this point \$5000 was returned to the MAAQ with a further \$5000 returned at the conclusion of the event making zero contribution from the MAAQ to the Nationals and Dalby.

MAAQ did however spend \$2500 on TV advertising to draw attention to Aeromodelling and the Nationals which was from funds approved in the budget.

The final figures will not be published until the GST is paid in April however they will make a profit.

My request for clubs to support granting \$5000 to Dalby has met with only 3 responses, making it unviable to proceed with a vote. Thank you to those 3 clubs for responding.

The committee will be discussing loan arrangements to clubs at the next meeting as the current rules written some years ago are very restrictive and there is some confusion as to whether they have in fact been ratified. The committee will have an answer to that question at the next meeting.

Last year for example the Maryborough club received a loan of \$5000 for a period of 12 months at the interest rate of 7.94% flat.

The loan commenced 6/3/10 with the first payment of \$2897 due on 5/11/10 the balance of \$2500 being due on the 5/3/11, a discount was offered if the loan was repaid in full before it's anniversary, but penalties if not paid on time.

Maryborough in fact repaid the loan before August!

Had this loan been set up as a compounding interest type loan paid monthly then the total interest paid would have been \$217.64 not \$397.00.

This is a great business proposition if the MAAQ was a Bank, but is it helping members?

Communication is a wonderful thing when it happens and I am pleased to say many Clubs are forwarding these Bulletins and other information on to all of their members, but some are not which could lead to a breakdown, and although they are also on the web site for all to read, not every one would know this.

We have also discovered there is a breakdown within some clubs between the Executive further complicating matters.

What I am alluding to is that key members of your club, like the Instructors and Heavy model Inspectors need to be kept informed of any changes to MOPS or the way things get done at State level. The MOPS for example are a guide as to how things should be done and yet there are some Executives who admit to not having read them, a situation that can only lead to mistakes happening. Recently I have had forms sent to me addressed to the Secretary and Treasurer!

Also some Instructors are not aware that the wings are to be returned to the Registrar or Club Secretary.

Please ensure key people in your club are aware of their responsibilities.

MAAQ is looking at ways we can improve this, so if you have any constructive suggestions please let us know.

Robin Klau.

SECRETARY

Since coming to the position of Secretary MAAQ it has been most gratifying to assist a lot of affiliate members with enquiries in relation to lost AUS numbers, MOPS matters and a myriad of other admin matters.

There has been a lot of Heavy Model Permit forms sent out to Inspectors when requested. I would remind Inspectors that it is very important that the yellow duplicate form be returned to me as their numbers are essential for the compilation of an annual report for CASA.

I look forward to meeting with more member clubs and affiliates in my future travels when the weather clears from our rain soaked Queensland.

Brian McWilliam

AIRFLOW EDITOR

Ever wondered where the clubs around the State are located and what their facilities were like.

I would like to involve the clubs a bit more and invite any of the affiliated MAAQ clubs to kick off articles from them, about their fields, facilities, membership and up coming events. There is the chance to promote your up coming event well in advance by mentioning it in your article. Your article could include some photos and a bit on the history about the club as well. Please email your articles through to the editor airflow@maaq.org The cut off for the next newsletter is the end of May 2011. I look forward to hearing from you.

The New Year for the airflow has started quietly with very little input from any of the clubs or members regarding articles and the events coming up although the event calendar is slowly filling. Speaking of the events from now on please forward any events onto the Airflow Editor airflow@maaq.org for ratification instead of the SFI. The dates will be collated and clubs advised of any clashes, placed in the calendar of events and advertised on the MAAQ web site.

The Dalby nationals were a success and those who braved the road conditions and the weather, all had a good time. The weather stayed mostly sunny with rain sometimes overnight. Registration day was postponed a day to allow for the interstate travelers to make it thru the floods with around 150 entrants registering. The guys from Western Australia had to paddle to their motel room in the main street on the Tuesday before the nationals had started, but that didn't seem to phase them. Control line, Freeflight and old timer events were the most popular events that competitors entered in with good numbers in all.

Night flying at the Dalby club field by the power of a large high wattage bank of lights lit the field up like the MCG cricket ground, with quite a few having a go at night flight. Helicopters equipped with lights performed over in the darkness with an array of never seen before light display and it was hard to figure which way was up. Troy Broderick did a great display of hovering with the smoke on, with his big IMAC model

The hobby expo went off well with a complete range of new Saito motors on display from HHQ including the new Saito radial, petrol versions, and the gold Saito 30 size, one which was sold to a north Queensland identity. The expo included the range of helicopters from RC Heliworld including the new flybarless range, Wings over the Downs from Toowoomba also had a good display of the latest ARF kits on display including the 120 size PC9, along with the plug and play foam jets, gliders and Warbirds. A big thank you goes out to the organizing committee and the members of the Dalby club who worked tirelessly; sometimes well into the night to make this event happen.

I look forward to hearing from the members and clubs of their events programs and various articles for future newsletters.

Doug

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SFI

Due to the January Qld disasters an Instructors course scheduled for January was cancelled, the next MAAA Instructor course will commence in early March.

Those clubs wishing to nominate members to sit the course may do so by sending a copy of their club minutes noting the member's details.

The following report was sent to the MAAA by the SFI outlining courses held in the last year.

MAAQ SFI Report:

MAAQ conducted 2 courses achieving 13 Instructors and unfortunately 1 failure.

The total Instructors comprise 2 Helicopter and 11 fixed Wing, no Glider nor Rocketry. It is noted here that 1 nominee present at an MAAQ Instructor course was from NSWFF (Coffs Harbour) as approved by MAAA.

Michael Snabaitis.